

# South Dakota Teacher of the Year 2008 Application

## Guidelines

- You must submit Section I (pages 1-2) on the form provided. Sections II-VIII can be reproduced, but you must use the format established in the application and number the sections and page. Your completed application must be clean, clear, and on white paper.
- **Do not** exceed the number of pages requested for each section when composing your responses. In order to ensure that all applicants have an equal opportunity, **only the number of pages requested will be accepted**. Any additional pages or materials will not be included in the selection process.
- Applications must be typewritten using font no smaller than 10 point.
- You must complete **all** sections of the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Your application packet **must include a** photograph suitable for publicity purposes.
- Your application packet **must include** a 15 minute video of you teaching in your classroom.
- You (the applicant), your principal, and your superintendent/CEO **must** sign the application form.

In order to be considered for the **2008** South Dakota Teacher of the Year award, the application package must be postmarked **by July 1, 2007** to: **Lanette Johnston**, Program Coordinator, Department of Education, **700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501**.

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# 2007 NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION FORM

## I. General Information/Signatures

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Mail Address(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

School Profile

☐ Urban

☐ Suburban

☐ Rural

Number of Students in Nominee's District \_\_\_\_\_ Building \_\_\_\_\_

Major Subject Area (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials (other than home address, telephone, SS# and DOB) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the National Teacher of the Year Program. I acknowledge that if selected as the 2007 South Dakota Teacher of the Year, during the year of the recognition, I will be released from classroom responsibilities on an as needed basis in order to fulfill my responsibilities as Teacher of the Year. I also acknowledge that if selected as the National 2007 Teacher of the Year, I will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of my recognition in order to fulfill the obligations inherent in the honor.**

Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Section I. Continued - General Information/Signature)**

**SCHOOL/BUILDING PRINCIPAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Telephone

I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2007 South Dakota Teacher of the Year, during the year of the recognition, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities on an as needed basis in order to fulfill his or her responsibilities as Teacher of the Year. If the nominee is selected as the National 2007 Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of the recognition.

Signature of School  
Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

District Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Telephone

I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the 2007 South Dakota Teacher of the Year, during the year of the recognition, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities on an as needed basis in order to fulfill his or her responsibilities as Teacher of the Year. If the nominee is selected as the National 2007 Teacher of the Year he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.

Signature of District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Name Kristin Conzet \_\_\_\_\_ Title Program Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Department of Education \_\_\_\_\_

Address 273 Minnesota St \_\_\_\_\_

Rapid City SD 57701 605) 280-2552  
City State Zip Code Telephone

Coordinator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities - (two double-spaced pages)**

- A. Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- B. Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
- C. Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- D. Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

**(Section II. continued – Educational History and Professional Development Activities)**

**III. Professional Biography - (two double-spaced pages)**

- A. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher?
- B. Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

**(Section III. Continued – Professional Biography)**

**IV. Community Involvement - (one double-spaced page)**

- A. Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities and other group activities.



**V. Philosophy of Teaching - (two double-spaced pages)**

- A. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
- B. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

**(Section V. continued – Philosophy of Teaching)**

**VI. Education Issues and Trends - (two double-spaced pages)**

- A. What do you consider to be the major public education issues today? Address **one** in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.

**(Section VI. Continued – Education Issues and Trends)**

**VII. The Teaching Profession - (two double-spaced pages)**

- A. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?
- B. What is and/or what should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?

**(Section VII. Continued – The Teaching Profession)**

**VIII. National Teacher of the Year - (one double-spaced page)**

- A. As the 2007 National Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for the entire teaching profession. What would be your message? What would you communicate to your profession and to the general public?

- IX. Letters of Support -** (limit to **three** letters, each a **maximum** of **one** page)  
Include **three** letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent, or civic leader.
- X. Publicity Photograph**  
Include with the application package one photograph suitable for publicity purposes.  
A 5" X 7" color headshot is preferred.